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REGULAR REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR DELEGATE TO CONGRESS

HARRY A. BALDWIN

WHO IS MOST REPRESENTATIVE

Rather than see appropriations for child welfare work on Maui decreased he would ride over rough and broken down pavements, Harry Baldwin told the Maui board of supervisors. He added that he is sorry that funds for child welfare work are not raised by direct taxation under the law, as Maui raises funds for the support of the sanitarium and hospitals. That is the type of man Harry Baldwin is. Contrast the type with L. L. McCandless.

On more than one occasion in Honolulu, McCandless has sought to tie up street improvements, widening or paving under the law the legislature passed providing for such improvements. He has never been heard to voice a willingness to be taxed for an improvement that would benefit others let alone the suggestion of being taxed in order that needy mothers and children might be kept together in their family life, aided to become self sustaining, self reliant and self supporting.

Mayor John E. Wilson is quoted as saying that Harry A. Baldwin's interests are in sugar cane growing and grinding and in pineapple growing and canning, while McCandless' interests are more diversified and to have inquired who is the more representative, McCandless interests are in his business enterprises rather than the public weal, far more so than is the case with Baldwin. Has McCandless ever been heard of as building and largely maintaining a theater or a club house for his employees? If he has done so the public has not found it out. What if any contributions has McCandless made to Americanization work in the Islands other than in assisting in the naturalization proceedings of aliens who might vote the Democratic ticket? Perhaps he has helped without its being announced. On the reputations of the two men, what the public hears of them, the one is always identified with public works, the other, McCandless, is not heard of in such fields.

But coming down to business enterprises and interests. H. A. Baldwin, as Wilson said is primarily a sugar planter and next interested in pine growing and canning. However, he is also a rancher, interested in cattle raising, in dairy farming, the manufacture of cement, of fuel alcohol for motor cars and for burning in stoves for household use. He is deeply concerned in great irrigation projects, has mercantile interests, wholesale and retail, banking interests, railroad interests and shipping interests, both inter-island and trans pacific. He has interests in rice and taro lands as well and is one of the most earnest advocates and supporters of agricultural work. He is doing his part in and lending his aid toward reforestation. Through investments he is interested in various lines of endeavor on Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Oahu, Hawaii and Kauai.

Will Mayor Wilson show a longer list of business activities in which McCandless is interested than these? We think not. If he can do so this paper will be glad to publish the list. It now offers to publish as prominently as this editorial appears a full list of the business activities, the charity and welfare organizations and benevolent enterprises in which McCandless is interested if Mayor Wilson, Mr. McCandless or the campaign managers of Mr. McCandless will furnish it.

Meantime it will not attempt to mention specifically all of the undertakings, business, community, clemensary and beneficiary in which the Republican candidate for delegate to congress is engaged.

KUMALAE IS MISTAKEN

In his speeches on Maui, Jonah Kumalae has asserted that the plantations do not need the labor relief asked of congress, can secure sufficient labor if they will pay enough and has even gone so far as to say that reports of heavy losses because of labor shortage are exaggerated, mentioning the fact that Onomea Sugar Co., showed a profit. Kumalae is talking but is not giving facts.

This is the period of the year when the sugar companies of the Islands hold their annual meetings and their annual reports come to the public. Enough of such reports have been presented, though by no means all of the companies have had their annual meetings, to show that conditions were worse, the situation more serious than the public has surmised. It is enlightening to mention the financial showing presented by some of the companies. Five plantations other than Onomea have reported losses for 1921 of more than three and a half million dollars, an average loss of more than \$700,000 each. Ewa shows a loss of \$1,977,938, Maui Agricultural \$711,339, Waiialua \$561,852, Honolulu Plantation \$370,000 and Wailuku \$25,432. The list of companies whose year's business shows figures on the wrong side of the ledger can be very largely lengthened, will be so lengthened, it will appear when all reports are in, it will be found.

Will Kumalae please tell the plantation managers from what source they are to draw the money to pay the higher wages he suggests to settle their labor shortage? Can he suggest to the territorial and county officials how they are to secure the necessary funds for governmental expenses in the face of a showing of such depreciated values other than by raising tax rates. Increased tax rates hit the small property owner, the Hawaiian with his own little place, the homesteader and the market gardener harder. They are the ones who can understand the words of the bible, "from him who hath not shall be taken away even that which he seemeth to have." Kumalae may have that fact brought home to him clearly as a Honolulu supervisor, though his county is not so much affected in taxable values by the depreciation of sugar plantation assessments as are the other counties.

Again when he says that the bringing in of Chinese labor would crowd the field of skilled labor, the unskilled forcing out the skilled, Kumalae is wrong. On Maui last fall it was impossible for contract-

THE OPTIMISTIC PESSIMIST

The difference between a bigot and a fair minded man is too often in the view point of the individual himself only. Most persons wear blinders when viewing themselves and magnifying glasses when they contemplate those with whom their views differ.

Creeds too often suppress thought and expression although the ideal creed is designed to encourage them. More and more is man recognizing the need of self expression.

Life is a series of ups and downs, often it seems more downs than ups, but self understanding enables one to advance towards self mastery and to recognize that reverses are merely a feature of successive regenerative periods.

Poise is the attitude which enables the physical man to walk easily and fearlessly in narrow and perilous places and the mental man to meet successes or reverses alike with equanimity.

The pessimist expects too rapid progress in world and human progress and is disappointed when it seems slow but an inevitable logic permits only the logical step to follow its predecessor with no long leaps or breaks in the journey. Patience is merely the adjustment of life to the conditions of life.

Money is a boomerang, turn it loose says the Birmingham News. But it should be remembered that one must learn to throw the boomerang else it will not return to the thrower.

Probably there is more or less rottenness in the movie camps but not nearly so much as is hinted at. In the old days actors were regarded much as are hoboes today but the stage rose to a dignity of its own. The profession of the screen is young and still has much to learn, but it is far from hopeless.

The man who has had his pocket picked will howl for law enforcement and then hunt up a bootlegger to drown his regrets for his loss. Truly is consistency a jewel.

Proposals to take battleships out to sea and sink them instead of scrapping and selling for junk or for use in other building is about as sensible as to throw into the ocean the hammer with which one has just struck a thumb nail instead of the piece of metal he was striving to drive.

Men to get all the skilled labor they needed to do the work that was offered to them. There was as to carpenters especially a decided shortage. Work that was wanted immediately was unobtainable for several weeks. Persons who wanted improvements on their properties had to wait their turn.

Nor is it sugar only that feels the labor shortage. It has been so in pine growing as well. The owner or leaser of pine fields has had to bid against the sugar plantations for field labor. Bringing in of Chinese labor would force no Hawaiians out of jobs. Industry adjusts itself. As unskilled labor comes in the more skilled rises to more responsible positions. The introduction of machinery was opposed on the assertion it would force labor into idleness but more and more employment was offered and there has been a steady increase in the compensation of labor since the advent of a general use of machinery.

Kumalae's arguments are specious. He either does not know, will not see or else distorts the facts, and in any of the three statuses he is not worthy of a vote of confidence for the handling of public affairs.

With Ireland a free state and Britain relinquishing her protectorate over Egypt while facing grave unrest in India there are evidences of a centralizing of the greatest empire and at the same time it is evident that the movement for self determination of the governed is making great strides.

There were almost as much fuss and feathers at the wedding of Princess Mary to a viscount as if she had married a king. In time a prince or princess may be able to exercise his or her right of choice as freely as a plain, ordinary youth or maid.

Tuesday is the last day to register and eight days later is the last day for payment of the federal income tax. Gee, but these are busy days.

The body of Anthony R. Mattos, so far as records show the only Island boy to be killed in action, is to be brought home about the middle of the month. He should be buried here on Maui near his former home with full military honors. If the American Legion Post takes the proper action it is probable a military guard of honor from the Hawaiian Department could be secured to escort the body to and place it in its final resting place.

Premier Lloyd George is reported as preparing to tender his resignation. Whether the British will permit him to let go is another matter however. His duties with the return of peace have been hardly less arduous than they were in the days of war.

A margin of two or three votes will determine the fate of the arms limitation conference treaties. The preliminary skirmishes are on but the real conflict will come on the so called quadruple entente. The irreconcilables are still irreconcilable, at least some of them are, the reports show.

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The outstanding feature of the market for bonds during recent months has been the heavy buying for permanent investment.

Notwithstanding that this demand has resulted in a substantial advance in prices for bonds in general, the present outlook indicates a gradual trend toward the level which prevailed some years ago, particularly as applied to issues of the better grade, which still yield a liberal return.

It is doubtful if it will be possible for several years to purchase bonds at prices which will yield the return now possible.

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